

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Southern District of Florida

Case Number: _____

(Enter above the full name of the plaintiff or plaintiffs in this action.)

v.

(Enter above the full name of the defendant or defendants in this action.)

A COMPLAINT UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 42 U.S.C. § 1983

Instructions for Filing:

This packet includes four copies of the complaint form and two copies of the Application to Proceed without Prepayment of Fees and Affidavit. To start an action you must file an original and one copy of your complaint for the court and one copy for each defendant you name. For example, if you name two defendants, you must file the original and three copies of the complaint (a total of four) with the court. You should also keep an additional copy of the complaint for your own records. All copies of the complaint must be identical to the original.

Your complaint must be legibly handwritten or typewritten. Please do not use pencil to complete these forms. The plaintiff or plaintiffs must sign and swear to the complaint. If you need additional space to answer a question, use an additional blank page.

Your complaint can be brought in this court only if one or more of the named defendants is located within this district. Further, it is necessary for you to file a separate complaint for each claim that you have unless they are all related to the same incident or issue.

There is a filing fee of \$150.00 for this complaint to be filed. If you are unable to pay the filing fee and service costs for this action, you may petition the court to proceed in forma pauperis.

Two blank Applications to Proceed without Prepayment of Fees and Affidavit for this purpose are included in this packet. Both should be completed and filed with your complaint.

In addition, if the Judge directs the U.S. Marshal to serve the summons and complaint to teach defendant, the United States Marshal will require you to pay for the costs of this service.

You will note that you are required to give facts. **THIS COMPLAINT SHOULD NOT CONTAIN LEGAL ARGUMENTS OR CITATIONS.**

When these forms are completed, mail the original and the copies to the Clerk's Office of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida 33128-7788.

I. Previous Lawsuits

- A. Have you begun other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action or otherwise relating to your imprisonment? Yes () No ()
- B. If your answer to A is yes, describe each lawsuit in the space below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another piece of paper, using the same outline.)

1. Parties to this previous lawsuit

Plaintiffs: _____

Defendants: _____

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county): _____

3. Case Number: _____

4. Name of Judge to whom case was assigned: _____

5. Disposition (for example: Was the case dismissed?; Was it appealed?; Is it still pending?):

6. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: _____

7. Approximate date of disposition: _____

II. Place of present confinement: _____

A. Is there a prisoner grievance procedure in this institution?
Yes () No ()

B. Did you present the facts relating to your complaint in the state prisoner grievance procedure?
Yes () No ()

C. If your answer is YES:

1. What steps did you take? _____

2. What was the result? _____

D. If your answer is NO, explain why not: _____

III. Parties

(In Item A below, place your name in the first blank and place your present address in the second blank. Do the same for additional plaintiffs, if any.)

A. Name of plaintiff: _____
Address: _____

In Item B below, place the full name of the defendant in the first blank, his official position in the second blank, and his place of employment in the third blank. Use Item C for the names, positions, and places of employment of any additional defendants.

B. Defendant _____
is employed as _____
at _____

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